

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

June 22, 2007

Message from County Executive Walker

We take off our on our 4th annual Executive's Ride on Saturday morning at 8:00 from the House of Harley-Davidson in Greenfield. Our stops on the first day will travel through each of the seven counties in the Milwaukee 7 area and end overnight in Rockford, IL.

Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas will ride with me for part of the trip and several elected and appointed leaders from the region will join us on Saturday. Details can be found at www.countyexecutivesride.com.

Overall, our ride will travel 1,500 miles through four states, 39 cities and 22 Harley-Davidson dealerships. Last year, I did some 45 television, radio and newspaper interviews along the way to promote visitors to Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee 7 region.

We will talk about Summerfest, the Milwaukee County Zoo, our parks, the lakefront, the Wisconsin State Fair, Miller Park - as well as area attractions like Holy Hill, Jelly Belly Center, Strawberry Festival, Chocolate Fest, Electric Railroad Museum, Old World Wisconsin and so many more. And what better way to promote the area than on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Special thanks to Visit Milwaukee for their help on the trip and promotions. Also, I will post a blog each day from the ride on www.onmilwaukee.com.

Some 50 riders will join us for the trip and many more will meet us along the way. We look for good weather and good friends along the way.

Scott



National Veterans Wheelchair Games



County Executive Walker joined organizers of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) and other local leaders at Milwaukee County's Red Arrow Park to kick-off the 27th Games with a pickup basketball game, participated in Opening Ceremonies and presented medals to winners in the weightlifting category at Midwest Airlines Center. Walker also welcomed visitors and participants to the Wheelchair Games "Kids Day at the Zoo."

The NVWG are presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), and hosted this year by the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center and the Wisconsin Chapter of the PVA.

Juneteenth Day Parade



County Executive Walker stopped along the route of the 36th Annual Juneteenth Day Parade to visit with parade-goers.

Wilson Senior Center Celebrates 25th Year



County Executive Walker presented a proclamation at the Wilson Senior Center's 25th Anniversary celebration. Joined by Supervisors Richard Nyklewicz and Mark Borkowski, Walker congratulated Department on Aging Director Stephanie Sue Stein and staff of Interfaith Older Adult Programs for their collaborative efforts in receiving the National Institute of Senior Centers accreditation.

Walker Attends Community Events



County Executive Walker attended a number of community events this week, including the Potawatomi Summer Solstice Bridge Dedication (pictured above), groundbreakings for the VA Spinal Chord Injury Center, Rogers Memorial Hospital addition and the Marquette University High School Chapel and expansion, and presented a proclamation for the 40th Anniversary of "REMCO" – Retired Employees of Milwaukee County.

Public Art Project



County Executive Walker (center, in beige cap) joined about 500 area residents for a mass portrait below the 35th Street Viaduct for a public art project organized by the Menomonee Valley Partners.